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PATENT
Docket No. GC627-2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Diaz-Torres et al.

Serial No.: 09/927,161

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For: *Bacillus* Transformation, Transformants)
and Mutant Libraries

Group Art Unit: 1639

Examiner: Byrd, Devon R.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED JULY 1, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 1, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made. A complete list of the Claims, including marked-up versions of the rewritten, added, and/or cancelled claims is provided below, beginning on page 2. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. The Remarks begin on page 4.

A one-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. Therefore, this Response is being filed on or before the current due date of September 1, 2003.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).